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	Chun Cao	2115	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 January 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-3,7-12 and 16-18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 4-6 and 13-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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FINAL REJECTION

1. Claims 1-18 are presented for examination. Claims 1-3, 7-12 and 16-18 are withdrawn due the restriction rejection.

2. The text of those applicable section of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in the prior Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 4-6 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dorinski (Dorinski), U.S. patent no. 5,821,854.

As per claim 4, Dorinski discloses an information processing apparatus [202, fig. 2] capable of communicating with a portable device by radio [214, fig. 2; col. 2, lines 11-15], comprising:

means for establishing a radio link to the portable device [col. 2, lines 11-15, 20-21; col. 3, lines 23-27];

means for detecting a field strength in a state where the radio link has been established [col. 2, line 62-col. 3, line 4; col. 3, lines 27-42]; and

means for activating a specified program [lock-out mode of the computer] among a plurality of program operable in the information processing apparatus in accordance

with a level of the field strength detected by the detecting means, the specified program controlling admission of use for the information processing apparatus [col. 2, lines 7-11, 28-36; col. 3, lines 35-39].

As per claim 5, Dorinski discloses that the specified program is a program for executing logoff processing of canceling a state of logon to said information processing apparatus from said portable device [col. 2, lines 34-36; col. 3, lines 3-10, 35-45], and said activating means activates the specified program when the field strength detected by said detecting means lowers to a predetermined value [col. 3, lines 3-10, 35-38, 52-56].

As per claim 6, Dorinski discloses that the specified program is a user program for personal information management, and said activating means inhibits the user program when the field strength detected by said detecting means lowers to a predetermined value [col. 2, lines 7-11, 28-36; col. 3, lines 3-10, 35-39].

As to claims 13-15, Dorinski teaches the claimed system of claims 4-6. Therefore, Dorinski teaches the claimed method of steps to carry out the claimed system.

5. Applicant's arguments filed on 1/7/2005 have been fully considered but are not persuasive. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 4-6 and 13-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP '

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706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Doub et al, US patent No. 6,594,762 teaches of activating a specified program if the detected signal strength is lower than a predetermined value [col. 1, line 46-col. 2, line 47].

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chun Cao whose telephone number is 571-272-3664. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 am-4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas C. Lee can be reached on 571-272-3667. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2100.

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